

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Burton

A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging compassion and support for the disabled men and women who have served or will serve in the armed forces of the United States of America.

Whereas, The Disabled American Veterans, Department of Indiana (DAV) is located in Indianapolis, IN;

Whereas, The Disabled American Veterans Department was organized on the twenty-second day of November 1932;

Whereas, The Disabled American Veterans Department was formed for the purpose of upholding and maintaining the constitution and laws of the United States, realizing the true American ideals and aims for which we fought, protecting and advancing the interest and welfare of all the World War Veterans, who were wounded, gassed, injured, or disabled during or by reason of such military service, cooperating with the Veterans Administration and all other public and private agencies devoted to the cause of relieving, improving, and advancing the physical and mental conditions, cure and medical



treatment, health and economic interests of all such handicapped veterans, stimulating a feeling of mutual devotion, helpfulness, and comradeship among all veterans, and encouraging in all people that spirit of tolerance and understanding that will tend to guard against future wars;

Whereas, there are 20,000 members of the Disabled American Veterans in the Hoosier State of Indiana;

Whereas, Commander Loran K. Rutledge of the Disabled American Veterans of the State of Indiana enlisted in the U.S. Army on February 5, 1944;

Whereas, Commander Loran K. Rutledge served in the European Theater of War with the 103rd Infantry Division as a machine gunner, earning the following decorations- ETO-2 Cluster, Combat Infantryman Badge, Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star with Commendations;

Whereas, he was discharged on April 19, 1946 and reenlisted in the U.S. Army again on September 11, 1950;

Whereas, he served 8 months in Korea with the 424 Field Artillery Battalion and was discharged on June 8, 1952;

Whereas, Commander Loran K. Rutledge of the Disabled American Veterans of the State of Indiana has traveled over 25,000 miles crisscrossing the state, meeting, listening and assisting Hoosier veterans, wives, and children;

Whereas, Commander Rutledge organized and coordinated "Military Appreciation Night" on Veterans Day with a free meal for all Hoosier active duty military and veterans from 15 Indiana Golden Corral Restaurants;

Whereas, he helped to collect approximately \$3,000 and 25 tons of clothing to help feed and clothe the homeless in Marion County for the DAV/VA Thanksgiving and Christmas Homeless meals over the past five years;

Whereas, Commander Loran K. Rutledge coordinated the



first annual "DAV Golf Outing" homeless meal fundraiser;

Whereas, Commander Rutledge has authorized funds for three new Disabled American Veterans vans. These new transportation vans will be placed in Connersville, Lafayette, and Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Disabled American Veterans vans have traveled over 900,000 miles in the year 2001, crisscrossing the state. They have transported veterans administration hospitals for the veterans' needed medical appointments and surgery;

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives of the Indiana General Assembly honor Commander Loran K. Rutledge for his involvement in the Disabled American Veterans Department.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Commander Loran K. Rutledge.

